



## MARIJUANA-RELATED FACILITIES ORDINANCE

### **Sec 1. Marijuana-Related Facilities Definition**

Marijuana-related facilities include dispensaries, cultivation operations, collectives, and storage of marijuana. Cultivation of medical marijuana for personal use is exempted.

### **Sec 2. Findings and Purpose**

The possible location of marijuana-related facilities in the City of Waterville raises legitimate and substantial questions and concerns about the impact of such facilities on the City, including the compatibility of marijuana-related facilities within existing residential, commercial and industrial zones, the possibility of illicit sale of prescribed marijuana, and associated criminal activity that may target marijuana-related facilities.

The purpose of this ordinance is, therefore, to prevent such deleterious effects and, thus, protect public health, safety, and general welfare by regulating the location and certain other aspects of marijuana-related facilities.

### **Sec 3. Requirements**

#### **A. Location:**

1. Marijuana-related facilities in residential zones are subject to Section 4.3.14 Home Occupations of the Zoning Ordinance.
2. Marijuana-related facilities shall be at least five hundred (500) feet from both:
  - a. Any other Marijuana-related facility and
  - b. The nearest property line of any public, private or parochial school, church, synagogue or similar place of worship, public library, playground, or child care facility as measured in a straight line without regard to intervening structures or objects.
3. Marijuana-related facilities cannot be located between Union Street and Sherwin Street and between Elm Street and the Kennebec River.

#### **B. Marijuana-related facilities may not be co-located with other businesses.**

#### **C. No marijuana products may be visible from the exteriors of properties.**

#### **D. Hours of operation are restricted to the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.**

- E. Odor: Odors may not have a significant detrimental effect on the use and peaceful enjoyment of abutting property. Violations of this odor standard shall be considered public nuisances.

#### **Sec 4. Violations**

Violations of this ordinance are subject to the civil penalties, injunctive remedies and attorney's fees provisions of 30-A M.R.S.A. §§ 4452 (3), as amended. Each day a violation continues is a separate violation.